



**Determinations and Orders
By the Secretary of Food and Agriculture**

In Regard to the Public Hearing Held on January 31, 2006

Determinations

A duly noted public hearing was held by the Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) on January 31, 2006, to consider amendments to the Milk Stabilization and Marketing Plans for Market Milk (Stab Plans) and the Pooling Plan for Market Milk (Pool Plan). The amendments under consideration regarded changes to milk movement incentives, namely, transportation allowances and transportation credits. The Department called the hearing after receiving a petition from California Dairies, Inc. Four alternative proposals were then submitted to the Department from Hollandia Dairy, Security Milk Producers Association, Western United Dairymen and Dairy Farmers of America prior to the deadline for submission of alternative proposals.

The Department weighed the information before it, including the Department's hauling rates studies, energy cost data, testimony on the record and post hearing briefs. The Department has determined that changes to the current Pool Plan and Stab Plans are warranted and necessary to continue to effectuate the declared purpose of the Food and Agricultural Code and accepts the Panel's recommendations.

Order

It is hereby ordered that the Milk Pooling Plan for Market Milk, Order Number 105, the Stabilization and Marketing Plan for Market Milk for the Northern California Marketing Area, Order Number 47, and the Stabilization and Marketing Plan for Market Milk for the Southern California Marketing Area, Order Number 62, shall all become effective at 12:01a.m., April 1, 2006.

Original signed by:

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